

I travel frequently by car, often covering long distances at a time. Just recently I traveled from my home in Virginia across to Los Angeles, up to the Grand Canyon, to Las Vegas, and back across the US via Denver to my home in VA. Nearly 6500 miles on the road; not once was I without my XM signal. On all my car trips, and especially on extended trips, I frequently use XM Satellite Radio. When I am approaching a major city, I consult the appropriate traffic channel to learn about potential snarls and hazards in plenty of time to plan an alternate route. I periodically check the weather channels to help plan my route and to prepare for inclement weather.

If you've ever listened to satellite radio, you know that it provides variety and quality that are not available elsewhere. Try to find a radio station in some parts of the West! Even on the south rim of the Grand Canyon I was able to have a picnic while listening to jazz brought to me by XM Radio.

At other times, while driving on the open road between population centers, I could find nothing on my radio dial, but when I switched to XM Satellite Radio I had a wealth of choices, including music of all styles, comedy, news, talk, and of course traffic and weather.

If the National Association of Broadcasters were to have their way with petition 04-160, that wealth would be denied to me.

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160.

I want to have a business environment that supports XM's ability to provide the kind of programming that I demand and deserve.

Respectfully,  
Gerald Paul Ray